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SUBJ: TRAVEL OF STATE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE VAN EEKELEN

TO: DEAN DONALD E. STOKES
WOODROW WILSON SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS
PRINCETON UNIVERSITY
PRINCETON, N.J.

1. DUTCH STATE SECRETARY FOR DEFENSE WILLEM VAN EEKELEN,
PRINCETON '52, WILL BE IN PRINCETON ATTENDING BILDERBERG
CONFERENCE APRIL 21-23. HE HAS REACTED ENTHUSIASTICALLY TO
SUGGESTION THAT HE MIGHT GIVE TALK AT WWS WHICH HE WOULD BE
ABLE TO DO LATE AFTERNOON OR EVENING THURSDAY, APRIL 20.

2. VAN EEKELEN HAS HAD PROMISING CAREER IN DUTCH FOREIGN SERVICE,
HIS LAST POST WAS NATO DIRECTOR IN FOREIGN MINISTRY. IN MAY 1977
HE WAS ELECTED TO PARLIAMENT FOR LIBERAL PARTY.
IN DECEMBER 1977 HE BECAME STATE SECRETARY FOR DEFENSE.
PRESS ACCOUNTS HAVE MENTIONED HIM AS POSSIBLE FOREIGN MINISTER.

3. VAN EEKELEN IS PREPARED TO TALK ON EAST-WEST RELATIONS,
NATO, EUROPEAN POLITICAL COOPERATION AND RELATED SUBJECTS.
AS PRINCETON GRADUATE, HE KNOWS THE SCENE. HE IS ACQUAINTED
WITH LEON GORDENKER AND KLAUS KNORR. TRUST YOU CAN MAKE
GOOD USE OF HIM.

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4. PERHAPS BEST WAY TO ARRANGE DETAILS WOULD BE FOR ME TO
TELEPHONE YOU TUESDAY MORNING, APRIL 11.
WARM REGARDS

MARTEN VAN HEUVEN
AMERICAN EMBASSY
THE HAGUE, NETHERLANDS

BROWN

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